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TAGS: OVIP (PRESIDENT ANWAR AL-SADAT)

SUBJECT: REVISED PROGRAM FOR SADAT VISIT

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1. I SAW FAHMY AT 1230 HOURS LOCAL OCTOBER 8 AND REVIEWED REVISED PROGRAM FOR SADAT VISIT CONTAINED REFTEL A. AFTER READING REVISED SCHEDULE, FAHMY NOTED THAT GOE WAS PLANNING PROPOSE CERTAIN CHANGES WHICH HASSAN KAMEL WOULD DISCUSS WITH DEPT WHEN HE REACHED WASHINGTON. FAHMY PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON SCHEDULE ESSENTIALLY BASED ON CHANGES KAMEL WOULD PROPOSE, BUT ALSO REFLECTING HIS REACTION TO SOME OF REVISIONS IN OUR REVISED PROGRAM. HOWEVER, HE EMPHASIZED THAT KAMEL WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR WORKING UP THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR SIDE.

2. FAHMY CONFIRMED WHAT KAMEL HAD TOLD ME (CAIRO 10001) ABOUT EGYPTIAN INTEREST IN HOLDING MEETING WITH ARAB-AMERICANS AT ISLAMIC CENTER EITHER OCTOBER 27 OR 28.

3. FAHMY NOTED ADDRESS TO JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS WAS STILL PENDING, BUT HOPED THAT ITS INCLUSION MEANT THERE COULD BE REAL CHANCE THIS COULD BE ARRANGED.

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4. HE ASKED WHERE PRESIDENT SADAT WOULD HOST THE RETURN DINNER AND NOTED THAT KAMEL WILL INQUIRE ABOUT HOLDING IT AT THE SMITHSONIAN, WHERE THEY UNDERSTOOD EMPEROR OF JAPAN AND SHAH HAD HOSTED SIMILAR AFFAIRS.

5. FAHMY NOTED THAT MAJOR CHANGE WOULD BE SUGGESTED FOR NY VISIT. KAMEL WILL PROPOSE THAT PRESIDENT SADAT REMAIN OVERNIGHT IN NY RATHER THAN GO TO VP ROCKEFELLER'S RESIDENCE IN POCANTICO HILLS (FAHMY SAID KAMEL WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT THIS INVOLVED TWO-HOUR DRIVE AND THOUGHT IT WOULD BE TOO TIRING FOR SADAT AT THE END OF A LONG DAY. MOREOVER, PARTY WILL BE INSTALLED AT WALDORF FOR AFTERNOON AND MAY AS WELL REMAIN THERE.)

6. FAHMY THEN MENTIONED NEW EVENT, SAYING THAT SADAT HAD ACCEPTED INVITATION FROM TIME TO ATTEND RECEPTION IN HIS HONOR AT WALDORF PRIOR TO ADDRESSING ECONOMIC CLUB DINNER. (REFTEL B).

7. ACCORDING TO FAHMY, KAMEL WILL SUGGEST EARLIER DEPARTURE FOR CHICAGO (1030 HOURS) WITH POSSIBILITY OF LUNCH RATHER THAN DINNER THERE. HOWEVER, HE COMMENTED THAT KAMEL WILL BE EXPLORING THIS CHANGE ELIMINATING POCANTICO HILLS WHICH HE NOTED WAS STILL NOT RULED OUT. (PERHAPS SADAT COULD VISIT POCANTICO HILLS AND REMAIN FOR LUNCH, FOLLOWING AFTERWARDS SAME SCHEDULE AS PROPOSED REFTEL A).

8. FAHMY SAW NO PROBLEM WITH HOUSTON SCHEDULE AND FOUND FLORIDA REST STOP TO BE GOOD IDEA.

9. RE DEPARTURE NOVEMBER 5, FAHMY SAID THEY THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO LEAVE FROM BOSTON SINCE THIS WOULD MEAN SHORTER FLIGHT TO LONDON. ETD WOULD BE 1030 HOURS. HOWEVER, HE ALSO THOUGHT CAMP DAVID MAY BE GOOD IDEA, WITH DEPARTURE THEN FROM WASHINGTON. IT WAS MY IMPRESSION THAT THERE WAS SOME INTEREST ON HIS PART IN STOPPING IN BOSTON AREA, AS
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HE SUGGESTED, AT SOME PLACE OUTSIDE THE CITY.
KAMEL WILL BE EXPLORING THIS POSSIBILITY.

10. WHEN I TOLD FAHMY OF PRESIDENT FORD'S OFFER OF USE OF HIS PRSONAL AIRCRAFT, HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE AND FELT CERTAIN THAT IT WOULD BE ACCEPTED. IN FACT, KAMEL WAS GOING TO ASK FOR SOME AIR TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE, SINCE IT HAD BEEN EGYPTIAN PLAN

TO FLY TWO BOEING 707S TO US, BUT HAVE ONLY ONE
REMAIN DURING VISIT.

11. COMMENT: WHILE FAHMY WILL STILL WISH TO FOLLOW
SCHEDULE DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY, IT IS MY IMPRESSION
THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR NAILING DOWN FINAL ARRANGE-
MENTS HAS NOW BEEN SHIFTED TO HASSAN KAMEL. MAESTRONE

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